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I strongly support the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Federal Government. The few state attorneys general who have not signed on appear to be more interested in the political benefits of opposing big business than in the public welfare. Government must not penalize businesses merely because they are successful or large. Innovation should not be discouraged by reducing competitiveness. Competition is essential to developing the technology that our country's economy depends on. The settlement protects the public while ensuring competition and innovation. The key features include an onsite committee to ensure Microsoft's compliance the ability for consumers to delete Microsoft programs from their operating systems the ability for computer manufacturers to add programs to PC's with Windows and forcing Microsoft to disclose the technical information necessary to competitors so their software will run smoothly on Windows. Sincerely Eric W. Spak